

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PRAVEEN SHARMA et al

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For: METHOD OF PREPARING A STANDARD DIAGNOSTIC
GENE TRANSCRIPT PATTERN

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated May 24, 2000, from August 24, 2000, to on or before October 24, 2000.

A check for the statutory fee of \$195.00 is attached.^{1/} The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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^{1/} Applicants are entitled to small entity status as evidenced by the Small Entity Status Declaration filed March 29, 2000.

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